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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

27 JUNE 1961
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NOTE: This issue includes items from that of 26 June

1. Qasim faces tough sled-
ding in Kuwait claims.

Besides the strong British guarantees, the Iraqi have run into a stiff Saudi Arabian reaction. Cairo, though laying back so far, is not enthusiastic. First soundings by our embassy in Baghdad do not indicate anything like popular groundswell under Qasim. Kuwait is reportedly under a state of emergency this morning. () map, last page)

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2. De Gaulle about to force
force pace on Algeria

Ambassador Gavin's latest assessment is that Paris is "prepared to force an early solution" on Algeria "come what may." The French, now convinced that the rebel negotiators at Evian, are deliberately foot-dragging, have turned to active consideration of steps toward partition.

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3. Possible coup attempt in
Vientiane

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4. Ulbricht concerned over "mood" of East German workers. [REDACTED]

The "soft" line adopted last fall to reduce popular discontent and cut the refugee flow is not succeeding. Industrial workers are becoming openly critical, especially of the food situation.

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5. Soviets and Chinese compete for support of Japanese Communist Party [REDACTED]

The party has a militant pro-Chinese minority and a more moderate pro-Soviet majority, at which the Chinese have been nibbling. The Soviets have now countered by naming a high-level delegation, headed by Presidium member Mukhitdinov, to attend the Japanese Party Congress late next month. [REDACTED]

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6. Clarification of Turkish political picture [REDACTED]

It appears that the military group which calls itself the "Forces of Solidarity" emerged from the power struggle early this month as the dominant force in Ankara and now has the support of almost all the top military leaders. The new grouping represents the more strongly nationalist and less conservative elements in the Turkish armed forces. [REDACTED]

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7. Argentine [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] While the
armed forces favor constitutional
government, they are strongly anti-
Peron. [REDACTED]

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8. Thai Foreign Minister
considers replacing SEATO
with neutral belt in
Southeast Asia

He would expand Sihanouk's scheme of
neutralizing Cambodia, Laos, and pos-
sibly Burma by adding Thailand, South
Vietnam, Malaya, and even East Pakistan.
While his scheme, which requires guar-
antees by the US, USSR, and Communist
China, is not very realistic, it is
an example of Thailand's trend to-
ward neutralism. [REDACTED]

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9. Soviets said not to plan
"disruptive and aggres-
sive" tactics at UNGA this
September

[REDACTED] they will not press for a decision
on the "Troika" because they have no
hope for a majority. We think they may
well see an advantage in playing it
soft in New York with Berlin and the
nuclear test issue coming to a boil.

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- A. Reports of coup plotting in South Korea, [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] persist in the midst of unresolved factionalism in 50X1
ruling group. [redacted]
- B. Tension on Israeli-Syrian border remains high with several new 50X1
incidents last week. [redacted]
- C. Moscow has reportedly offered Gizenga immediate establishment of 50X1
Soviet Embassy in Stanleyville in move to strengthen him against
Congolese moderates. (STATE TO USUN 2507, 24 June)

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